

MISSOURI BUSINESS ASSISTANCE CENTER

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PURPOSE

Determining the requirements to start a new business in Missouri can be confusing and time consuming because many different state agencies regulate various aspects of business operations. New business owners often do not know which agency to contact for assistance and information.

The Missouri Business Assistance Center (MBAC) serves as a centralized point of contact for state requirements to do business in Missouri. MBAC staff can help both the seasoned business owner and the first-time entrepreneur begin operations with confidence knowing that all legal requirements have been met.

MBAC serves as a vital link between small businesses and various public and private assistance programs and services. Referrals can be made for such services as financial analysis, loan packaging and business management counseling. MBAC maintains a resource library containing business information and helpful pamphlets and brochures published by the U.S. Small Business Administration and other agencies.

The MBAC staff is available to present business start-up workshops in your community.

SERVICES

MBAC staff provides a comprehensive array of business assistance. A single contact can provide direct assistance or guide business owners to all the various sources of assistance they need to start, expand or retain a business in Missouri. A customized packet of information and forms will be created based on the information you provide about your type of business and structure.

?? A business start-up packet customized to your particular business.

- ?? A copy of "Starting A New Business in Missouri" -- a simple-to-use guide for both new start-ups and seasoned business owners.
- ?? Information on state-level licenses, fees, permits and regulations affecting your business and copies of many state forms.
- ?? Assistance in obtaining a sales tax number.
- ?? Help in communicating and resolving problems with state government agencies.
- ?? Information on sources of financing.
- ?? Referral to local, state and federal agencies, professional associations and local organizations that provide business education and counseling.
- ?? Information on writing a business plan.

Download publications, state forms, and a variety of information and resources at www.ecodev.state.mo.us/mbac.

CONTACT

Missouri Business Assistance Center
301 W. High Street, PO Box 118
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Web: www.ecodev.state.mo.us/mbac.

OTHER SERVICES OF DED

DED REGIONAL OFFICES

St. Louis (314) 340-6823
Kansas City (816) 889-2900
Trenton (660) 359-5960
Springfield (417) 888-4001
Moberly (660) 269-8802
Dexter (573) 624-9950
Houston (417) 967-5770
Jefferson City (573) 751-0482

RELAY MISSOURI SERVICE

Voice user calling a hearing/speech impaired user:
800-735-2466.

Hearing/Speech impaired user calling a voice user:
800-735-2966

EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANTS

DED's Division of Workforce Development works in collaboration with its one-stop career system partners to offer workforce development assistance to job seekers and employers. By using the State's network of one-stop career centers, customers can access America's Job Bank, seek referral and placement assistance, career counseling and testing, labor market information and use Missouri WORKS!, an Internet based, self-service workforce development tool. To find your nearest Division of Workforce Development location, consult your telephone directory under State Government or visit

www.ecodev.state.mo.us/wfd

MISSOURI MARKETPLACE

Information on thousands of Missouri-made products and services designed to encourage both in-state and out-of-state businesses and consumers to buy Missouri-made products. Registration is free and open to any Missouri-based company. To search the database or register your company, visit: <http://www.missourimarketplace.org>

INTERNATIONAL MARKETING

DED's Office of International Marketing works to make companies aware of international opportunities and help them secure new business. For more information on the services available, please call (573) 751-4855 or 1-888-690-4855, by e-mail at missouri@mail.state.mo.us, or visit www.ecodev.state.mo.us/intermark.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Community Development Group offers over 10 different tax credit and grant programs to specifically meet the needs of not for profit organizations, community groups, and local government in areas such as infrastructure improvement, housing, violence prevention, and community facilities. For more information please call (573) 751-5981 or access the information at www.ecodev.state.mo.us/ded/cd.